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Title: SEMICONDUCTOR DEVICE WITH SELF-ALIGNED CONTACT PLUGS NEAR GATE ELECTRODE



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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

This is in response to the Office Action dated September 9, 2004.